

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 19th 2006

New IRTS Web Site

In last week's news, we announced the launch of the re-designed web site at www.irts.ie Over the next few weeks, we will highlight some of the new features of this site. For this week, we look at the "downloads" page. This has the following files available for downloading:

A sample IRTS Newsletter: this is aimed at prospective members, to show what "Echo Ireland", which is posted regularly to members, looks like.

A blank IRTS membership application form: as an alternative to this, the "Join Us" link on the web site will produce a membership application form with your name, address and call sign pre-printed on the form.

A blank direct debit mandate: Existing members who are paying by cheque should consider paying the annual membership subscription by direct debit, to make life a lot easier for themselves and for the volunteer officers of the Society, as well as saving on postage.

The IRTS Constitution and Rules, which sets out the aims of the Society and the way in which it is managed.

Examination notes with sample paper: This is essential reading for anyone studying for the Radio Theory exam, and for those who are teaching radio theory.

The detailed HAREC (Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate) examination syllabus - again this is essential reading for students and teachers of radio theory.

The detailed provisions behind CEPT licences for visitors: this includes a full list of prefixes for each CEPT area, and therefore of interest to anyone planning to operate abroad.

HF and VHF band plans for IARU Region 1: of particular note is the fact that there have been some changes in band plans, with new frequencies for emergency centres of activity and some adjustments to recommended modes within the bands.

All of these downloads are in the form of PDF files, which can be read with the free Adobe Reader: a link to download this program is included in the downloads page.

Awards

It's time again to call for nominations for the various awards and trophies presented on merit at the IRTS A.G.M. for service to the Society or to Amateur Radio.

Clubs and individuals are asked for nominations of suitable persons to the Awards Committee. Please be reminded that there are two awards for constructions and an award for the SWL contest. Nominations to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair Awards Committee at QTHR or to "ei4hxperimental at eircom dot net" Nominees must be full Current members of IRTS!

Those currently holding trophies awarded at last years AGM are asked to return them by the 18th of March.

IRTS AGM 2006

The IRTS AGM, which is being held on Sunday April 23rd at the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork and is being hosted by Cork Radio Club. The weekend will follow the usual format with a dinner on the Saturday night, a rally on Sunday and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon. The Vienna Woods Hotel is located on the eastern side of Cork City just off the Glanmire roundabout at the city side of Glanmire village.

Cork Radio Club

On Monday last, the 13th of March 2006, Cork Radio Club held it's AGM in room 4, SMA Hall, Wilton. Incoming committee for the coming year are as follows: Chairman is Dave EI4BZ, Secretary is Dave EI9FBB and Treasurer is Dick EI6HH.

The following committee members were elected; Declan - EI9FVB, John - EI3EC, Frank - EI6EVB and Stephen EI6JA. Forthcoming activities and events were discussed and the Club looks forward to an eventful year ahead.

AREN Training

Following February's Introduction to Emergency Situations, March's on air session will focus on ARENs response to such an emergency. It will describe the upcoming field exercise "Operation Blackwater" and prepare members for the event. The

exercise, which takes place in April, will address specific communications issues encountered by some of the emergency services last year during a simulated major accident on the N25. This is an opportunity for members to test their readiness to deploy in an on site-situation.

The on air training session will take place on the 25th of March at 0930 hrs using the primary frequency of 3.690 MHz and secondary of 7.099 MHz. The subsequent field exercise will be held on April the 15th next.

South Dublin Radio Club

A Special Event will take place over Easter weekend to mark the 1916 90th Anniversary Commemoration. The station will run from the SDR club QTH using the callsign EI90GPO. Activity will be on all HF bands from 80 metres to 10 metres.

Northern Ireland Yahoo Group

In the space of just 3 weeks, the NornIronRadio group has grown to a membership of 114. The group appreciates their members from EI and look forward to working with IRTS in the future. The URL for the group is;
groups.yahoo.com/group/NornIronRadio.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051 853806 or 087 6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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